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In re Application of:

Yukio Yamaji et al.

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For:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

FRACTIONATING GYPSUM SLURRY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING

GYPSUM BOARD

Atty Docket: P70312US0

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2008 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No./Mail Date 20080609), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a); and any fees required for consideration of this paper and any papers associated with it (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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Kindly enter the following Amendment:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.